Interpellation.

6. (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state the principle on which tariff rates have been fixed for cocoanut oil at Rs. 18-12 per cwt. and for copra at Rs. 22-8 per cwt. for the purpose of levying an export duty of 5 per cent, and also their market prices at present?

(*b*) If the tariff rate as fixed at present for copra is Rs. 22-8 per cwt. then the tariff rate for cocoanut oil ought to be Rs. 38 to 39, as about $1\frac{3}{4}$ cwts. of copra are required to yield one cwt. of oil. If so, is not the present rate for cocoanut oil a source of great loss to the Government in the collection of duty?

(*c*) Will the Government be pleased to fix the tariff rates of copra and cocoanut oil proportionately with a view to collect the due duty accurately and help the majority of the agriculturists of the State who are now great losers by underselling their cocoanuts on the present miscalculated tariff rate?

Mr. G. Parameswaran Pillai.

7. (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state what steps, if any, have been taken by them towards the medical inspection of college students and school children and with what results?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether they do not think it necessary to conduct an inquiry into the health and physique of the school-going population as a preliminary to introducing a complete system of periodical medical inspection?

(*c*) Will the Government be pleased to direct the Education Department to institute inquiries and report on the effects on the health of school children, of the present hours of working, courses of study, the number of text books, and absence of facilities for outdoor games, with special reference to Elementary Schools?

8. (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Remission Rules dated 28th June 1914, as amended by Notifications Nos. 2678 of 15th April 1919 and 100 of 10th January 1920, alone govern the grant of seasonal remissions; and, if not, to place on the table any other orders on the subject, and to define the policy of Government underlying the grant of seasonal remissions?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a pakuthiwar statement showing the grant of such remissions in the Neyyattinkara taluk during the years 1093, 1094 and 1095, and if no such remissions have been granted, to state whether applications for the grant of remissions under Schedule I of the Rules were not received during the period?

(*c*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether in view of Rule (3), (1) of the Remission Rules, remissions are granted when there is a *total* failure of crops either on account of drought (*karivu*) or through the destructive action of excessive floods?

Answer.

6. (*a*), (*b*) & (*c*). Tariff values are generally based on market rates. In the case of cocoanut oil, the tariff value fixed is no doubt far below the market rate, but it has been so fixed intentionally with a view to encourage oil extraction industry in the State. The matter will be re-examined.

7. (*a*), (*b*) & (*c*). The question of providing for the medical inspection of students in educational institutions is engaging the attention of Government.

Chief Secretary Mr. N. Rajaram Rao.

8. (*a*) The Rules referred to are the only ones governing the grant of seasonal remissions. The policy underlying the grant of such remissions is explained in the Rules themselves. (*Vide* pages 1201 and 1202, Vol. II, Land Revenue Manual.)

(*b*) The information is laid on the table.

(*c*) Remissions are granted only in cases of total failure of crops on account of drought.

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